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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION OF FREJULI FORMULA; CONVOCA-
TION OF RUNOFF ELECTIONS

1. SUMMARY: THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COURT LATE APR 3 LEGALLY PROCLAIMED HECTOR J. CAMPORA AND VICENTE SOLANO LIMA AS PRESIDENT AND VICE- PRESIDENT ELECT OF ARGENTINA. THIS PROCLAMATION CONSTITUTES THE FINAL STEP IN OFFICIALIZING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RESULTS. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO CONVOKED RUNOFF SENATORIAL ELECTIONS IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL FOR APR 15. RUNOFF ELECTIONS IN THE PROVINCES ARE ALSO BEING CONVOKED FOR APR 15 IN THOSE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS WHERE NO CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, VICE- GOVERNOR OR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SENATOR ACHIEVED AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN THE MAR 11 ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL COURT, FOLLOWING THE DICTATES OF THE ELECTORAL CODE, LATE YESTERDAY PROCLAIMED CAMPORA AND SOLANO LIMA AS PRESIDENT AND VICE- PRESIDENT ELECT. THIS PROCLAMATION HAS THE EFFECT OF GIVING LEGAL SANCTION TO THE ELECTION RESULTS AND OF DEFINITELY ENDING THE PROSPECT OF A RUNOFF ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT.

3. THE COURT BASED ITS DECISION TO PROCLAIM OFFICIALLY THE FREJULI FORMULA ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) THE DEFINITIVE ELECTION COUNT; (2) THE MARCH 30 RESOLUTION OF THE RULING

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JUNTA PROCLAIMING THE CAMPORA/ LIMA TICKET AS THE ELECTION WINNER; (3) THE UCR DECISION TO ABSTAIN FROM A RUNOFF ELECTION, AND (4) THE FAILURE OF ANY OTHER CANDIDATE TO ACHIEVE THE 15 PERCENT OF THE VOTE NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORMULA RECOMPOSITION. ALTHOUGH THE ELECTORAL LAW WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY MODIFIED TO PERMIT A LEGAL PROCLAMATION IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE JUNTA' S PROCLAMATION IMPLIED SUCH A MODIFICATION, AND TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER ELEMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE PROVIDED ENOUGH OF A BASIS FOR THE COURT TO ACT. IT IS DOUBTFUL THERE WILL BE ANY CHALLENGES.

4. THE GOVERNMENT CONVOKED YESTERDAY RUNOFF SENATORIAL ELECTIONS ON APR 15 FOR THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. RUNOFF ELECTIONS ARE ALSO BEING CONVOKED BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS IN THOSE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS WHERE NO CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, VICE- GOVERNOR, OR NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SENATOR RECEIVED AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY IN THE FIRST ROUND. THESE ELECTIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD ON APR 15 ALTHOUGH THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR IS PREPARING ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SUBJECT WHICH WILL BE KNOWN SHORTLY.

5. FYI. I AM NOW PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERSONAL DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT NINON' S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT- ELECT CAMPORA. END FYI.
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